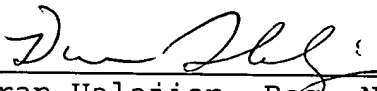


REMARKS

The foregoing amendment to claims 3 and 5-12 were made solely to avoid filing the claims in the multiple dependent form so as to avoid the additional filing fee.

The claims were not amended in order to address issues of patentability and Applicant respectfully reserves all rights under the Doctrine of Equivalents. Applicant furthermore reserves the right to reintroduce subject matter deleted herein at a later time during the prosecution of this application or continuing applications.

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## Appendix A

### Version with Markings to Show Changes Made to the Claim

The following are marked up versions of amended claims 3 and 5-12:

1 3. (Amended) A hydrogen storage material as claimed in claim 1  
2 ~~or 2~~, characterized in that the intermetallic compound comprises a  
3 scandium-magnesium alloy.

1 5. (Amended) A hydrogen storage material as claimed in claim 3  
2 ~~or 4~~, characterized in that the scandium-magnesium alloy comprises  
3 15-40 at.% scandium and 60-85 at.% magnesium.

1 6. (Amended) A hydrogen storage material as claimed in claims 3-  
2 5, characterized in that the scandium-magnesium alloy comprises 30-  
3 40 at.% scandium and 60-70 at.% magnesium.

1 7. (Amended) A hydrogen storage material as claimed in claim 1  
2 ~~one or more of the preceding claims~~, characterized in that the  
3 scandium-magnesium alloy comprises  $\text{Sc}_{0.35}\text{Mg}_{0.65}\text{H}_x$ .

1 8. (Amended) A hydrogen storage material as claimed in claim 1  
2 ~~one or more of the preceding claims~~, characterized in that it  
3 comprises an amount of a catalytically active material.

1 9. (Amended) A hydrogen storage material as claimed in claim 1  
2 ~~one or more of the preceding claims~~, characterized in that the  
3 catalytically active material comprises at least one metal selected  
4 from the group consisting of palladium, platinum, cobalt, nickel,  
5 rhodium or iridium, and/or a composition of the formula  $\text{DE}_3$ ,  
6 wherein D is at least one element selected from the group

7 consisting of Cr, Mo and W, and E is at least one element selected  
8 from the group consisting of Ni and Co.

1 10. (Amended) A hydrogen storage material as claimed in claim 1  
2 ~~one or more of the preceding claims~~, characterized in that the  
3 catalytically active material comprises palladium, platinum or  
4 rhodium.

1 11. (Amended) An electrochemically active material, characterized  
2 in that the material comprises a hydrogen storage material as  
3 claimed in claim 1 ~~one or more of the claims 1 to 10.~~

12. (Amended) An electrochemical cell at least comprising a positive electrode and a negative electrode, characterized in that the negative electrode comprises a hydrogen storage material as claimed in claim 1 ~~one or more of the claims 1 to 10.~~

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